

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3237–S3340

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 713–738, and S. Res. 97–101. **Pages S3277–78**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1268, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–52)

S. 732, to authorize funds to Federal aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. (S. Rept. No. 109–53) **Page S3277**

Measures Passed:

Commending the University of North Carolina Men's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 98, commending the University of North Carolina men's basketball team for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship. **Page S3238**

Commending Patricia Sue Head Summitt: Senate agreed to S. Res. 97, commending Patricia Sue Head Summitt, head women's basketball coach at the University of Tennessee, for three decades of excellence as a proven leader, motivated teacher, and established champion. **Pages S3238–39**

50th Anniversary of Salk Polio Vaccine: Senate agreed to S. Res. 101, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the development of the Salk polio vaccine and its importance in eradicating the incidence of polio. **Page S3338**

Honoring Sikh Leader Yogi Bhajan: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 34, honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhajan, a leader of Sikhs, and expressing condolences to the Sikh community on his passing. **Page S3338**

State Department Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 600, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3240–62, S3265–67**

Adopted:

Lugar Amendment No. 266, to strike the amendment to the limitation on the United States share of assessments for the United Nations Peacekeeping operations. **Page S3241**

Dodd Amendment No. 318, to specify requirements under the Arms Export Control Act applicable to the VHXX Executive Helicopter Program (also known as the Marine One Presidential Helicopter Program). **Pages S3255–57**

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 84), Biden Amendment No. 286 (in lieu of the language proposed to be stricken by Lugar Amendment No. 266), relative to the United States' share of assessment for United Nations Peacekeeping operations. **Page S3241**

Dorgan/Wyden Amendment No. 284, to prohibit funds from being used for television broadcasting to Cuba. (By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 85), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3241–48**

Pending:

McCain/DeWine Amendment No. 267, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Ukraine. **Page S3240**

Baucus Amendment No. 281, to facilitate the sale of United States agricultural products to Cuba, as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. **Page S3240**

Craig/Roberts Amendment No. 282 (to Amendment No. 281), to clarify the payment terms under the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. **Page S3240**

Dodd Amendment No. 283, to express the sense of the Senate concerning recent provocative actions by the People’s Republic of China. **Page S3240**

Salazar Amendment No. 308, to increase the accountability and effectiveness of international police training. **Page S3241**

Schumer Amendment No. 309, to authorize appropriate action if the negotiations with the People’s Republic of China regarding China’s undervalued currency are not successful. (By 33 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 86), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S3243, S3249–53**

Ensign Amendment No. 319, to encourage multi-lateral cooperation and authorize a program of assistance to facilitate a peaceful transition in Cuba. **Pages S3259–60**

Ensign Amendment No. 320, to amend chapter 118 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit foreign war crimes prosecutions of Americans. **Page S3260**

Ensign Amendment No. 321, to ensure the independence of the Inspector General of the United Nations. **Page S3260**

Ensign Amendment No. 322, to ensure the United Nations maintains a no-growth budget. **Page S3260**

Sessions Amendment No. 290, to require aliens to affirm certain oaths prior to admission to the United States. **Page S3260**

Sessions Amendment No. 291, to strike the authority to provide living quarters and allowances to the United States Representative to the United Nations. **Page S3260**

Sessions Amendment No. 317, to provide for accountability in the United Nations Headquarters renovation project. **Pages S3261–62**

Supplemental Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2005, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1268, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver’s license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for

inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence. **Page S3338**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Paul Gherman, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S3338**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the re-appointment of Alan C. Lowe, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S3338**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

John B. Bellinger, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. **Pages S3338, S3340**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Timothy D. Adams, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy. **Pages S3338–40**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S3337–38**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—86) **Pages S3241, S3248, S3253**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 7, 2005, p.m. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3338.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Resources.

APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Dominguez, Acting Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and General John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff, both of the U.S. Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on District of Columbia: Senators Brownback (Chairman), DeWine, Allard, Landrieu, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies: Senators Domenici (Chairman), Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, Bond, Hutchison, Allard, Reid, Byrd, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, and Inouye.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Allard (Chairman), Cochran, DeWine, Durbin, and Johnson.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Hutchison (Chairman), Burns, Craig, DeWine, Brownback, Allard, McConnell, Feinstein, Inouye, Johnson, Landrieu, Byrd, and Murray.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST: MILITARY INSTALLATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military installation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Phillip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment; Geoffrey G. Prosch, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: TACTICAL AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine tactical aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Schmitz, Inspector General, Department of Defense; Michael J. Sullivan, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, General Accountability Office; Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist on National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition, and Vice Admiral Joseph A. Sestak, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare, Requirements, and Programs, both of the United States Navy; Major General Stanley Gorenc, USAF, Director, Operational Capabilities and Requirements, United States Air Force; and Brigadier General Martin Post, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation, United States Marine Corps.

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of housing-related government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) in our economy, focusing on promoting mortgage securitization, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.